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Chairperson: Ms. Sandberg

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The meeting was called to order at 3.05 p.m.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-sixth session (CRC/C/66/3)

1. **The Chairperson** said that, as of 13 June 2014, there were 194 States parties to the Convention; 156 States parties had ratified or acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict; 167 States parties had ratified or acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and 11 States parties had ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

2. The Government of Ghana had not yet appointed a replacement for Ms. Agnes Aidoo, who had tendered her resignation on 30 October 2013.

3. At its sixty-sixth session, held from 26 May to 13 June 2014, the Committee had discussed the adoption of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system and the implications of that resolution for the Committee's methods of work. It had begun drafting two new general comments, on public spending to realize children's rights and on adolescents, and had held the first reading of the draft joint general comment on harmful practices, which it was developing with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. On 24 September 2014, the Committee would mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Convention with an online event involving children from countries around the world and Committee members. The next day of general discussion, on the theme "Digital media and children's rights", would be held on 12 September 2014, during the Committee's sixty-seventh session.

4. In the course of the current session, the Committee had considered the periodic reports of India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan and Saint Lucia submitted under article 44 of the Convention. In addition, it had considered the initial reports of India and Jordan submitted under article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, and the initial reports of India, Jordan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted under article 12 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

5. She said she took it that if she heard no further comments, the Committee wished to adopt the concluding observations on all the reports it had considered.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. **Ms. Herczog** (Rapporteur) said that, since the previous session, the Chairperson had attended several meetings on behalf of the Committee, including a workshop in London in March 2014 on social accountability organized by the United Nations Children's Fund and a conference in Dubrovnik on the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child, as well as conferences in Sweden on children's rights to mental health and justice. Other members had also represented the Committee at various international meetings on issues affecting children ranging from juvenile justice to access to health.

8. *The report on the sixty-sixth session was adopted.*

Closure of the session

9. **The Chairperson** declared closed the sixty-sixth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The discussion covered in the summary record ended at 3.20 p.m.